



## **INDUSTRIAL STORM WATER – Qualified Industrial Storm Water Practitioner (QISP)**

### **Purpose of Training in the Industrial General Permit**

- Provide Dischargers with professional individuals (Qualified Industrial Storm Water Practitioners- QISPs) that have been trained on consistent and credible information on the industrial general permit so that they can provide compliance assistance.
- Expand the number of individuals beyond the Water Board staff that can assist and oversee industrial facilities.
- Professionalize industrial storm water compliance for this permit statewide.
- Develop a standard level of knowledge (floor) on how compliance can be met at industrial facilities.
- Increase the quality of sampling at industrial facilities through training.

### **Industrial General Permit Training Team (IGPTT) Background**

#### **Goal of the IGPTT**

- To develop the content of the QISP training.
- To develop a process for receiving the QISP training that is appropriate and flexible.
- To facilitate the process to be used for “approving” individuals that will be carrying out the training of QISPs (called: Trainers of Record).

#### **IGPTT Member Selection Process**

The Construction General Permit went through a similar process outlined below to develop the Construction General Permit Training Team and some of the lessons learned were used in developing the IGPTT. The Water Board used a more transparent public process for IGPTT member selection and involved Management at the Water Board from the beginning of the process.

On September 24, 2012 the staff of the Storm Water Program at the California State Water Board (Water Board) carried out a three (3) hour informal workshop aiming to “kickoff” the development of the training content for the next issuance of the Industrial General Permit (IGP). Members of the public were given the opportunity to apply to be on the IGPTT at this time. Interested parties applied via a web survey and had over a month to respond to the survey. This survey was also publicized via a lyrics message. Survey responses were collected and over the next year the Water Board went through a review and notification process. Applicants were notified in May 2013 if they were appointed to the IGPTT or if they were put on the list of applicants that may assist the IGPTT at a later date.

#### **IGPTT Member Expectations**



- Approximately 15 seats were filled to make up the IGPTT. Another 10-15 seats are available for subcommittees.
- This process is a 1-2 year commitment, and about 10-40 hours per month on the effort, depending on the need/role of the member.
- Regular attendance at the meetings is required via phone or in person.

## **Progress**

The IGPTT had an August 1st kickoff meeting. IGPTT leads focus on developing the process and content in the following areas:

- Training Content– The development of technical content for the QISP trainings.
- Learning Management System (LMS) and Deployment – Identifying reasonable alternatives for in-person QISP training using technology and deploying the QISP training. This Committee may also assist the Water Board in developing the parallel training materials for Professional Engineers and Geologists who do not need to take the “complete” QISP training.
- TOR Oversight– Trainers of Record (TOR) will be the individuals conducting QISP trainings. This Committee is responsible for developing and overseeing this process. A subcommittee of this Committee is the Statement of Qualifications review panel, which will read TOR “applications”.
- Examinations and Surveys– Responsible for facilitating and designing surveys that provide feedback for this IGPTT and the potential examinations that QISPs may have to take when they become a QISP.

On February 27th 2014, a feedback forum was held in Sacramento where professionals in the storm water field attend to review the outlined training content, time involved in the pieces of the content, and the deployment of the training. This was a step in the process implemented during the development of the Construction General Permit training content and provided crucial feedback from peers that helped in finalizing the QISP training content direction.

## **Schedule**

Currently individuals cannot register for the QISP training. The IGPTT is aiming to have content and administrative procedures fully developed by the end of 2015. The IGPTT is hoping that individuals will be able to register for the QISP training courses by the fall/winter of 2015. The Trainers of Record process will begin early 2015.

\*To receive updates on the QISP training, instructions for joining our Industrial Storm Water Lyris list:

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